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SUBJECT: MBFR: COMPLETION OF ACTION ON TOPICS RAISED BY AD HOC GROUP

1. IN OUR VIEW, IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE IN CONNECTION WITH OPTION 3 IF WASHINGTON AGENCIES COULD COMPLETE WORK ON THREE CURRENT PROJECTS INTENDED FOR TABLING IN THE SPC: VERIFICATION; THE FORM OF A PHASE I AGREEMENT; AND THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE PHASES.

2. TO HAVE ADVANCED POSITIONS ON VERIFICATION AND ON THE FORM OF AN AGREEMENT WHICH COME TOWARD MEETING GERMAN INTERESTS WOULD ENHANCE GERMAN RECEPTIVITY TO THE USE OF OPTION 3. SINCE CONTROVERSY WITH THE EAST OVER PHASING WILL CONTINUE, IT WOULD ALSO STRENGTHEN THE PLAUSIBILITY OF THE OVERALL WESTERN CASE TO DECIDE ON THE MINOR CHANGES NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE WESTERN POSITION ON THE TIME BETWEEN THE PHASES OF NEGOTIATION AND ADVANCE THEM TO THE EAST PRIOR TO PRESENTING OPTION 3.

3. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ONLY MINOR DETAILS REMAIN UNCOMPLETED ON ALL THREE PROJECTS. TO HAVE A MOST FAVORABLE EFFECT ON THE GERMANS AND TO AVOID A SITUATION

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AT NATO IN WHICH THESE SUBJECTS BECOME SUBMERGED OWING

TO CONSIDERATION OF OPTION 3, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE
FOR THE US TO ADVANCE THEM SOON.DEAN

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